
Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

13th July 2010

Report of the Head of Civic, Legal & Democratic Services

Update Report – Proposed Scrutiny Topic on the Acceptance of Euros by York Businesses

Summary

1. This report asks Members to consider whether they would like to proceed with the proposed scrutiny topic on the acceptance of Euros by York businesses.

Background

2. Earlier this year Councillor Alexander submitted a scrutiny topic in relation to the acceptance of Euros by York businesses. A feasibility report was subsequently prepared and is attached at Appendix 1. A copy of the original topic registration form is attached at Annex A and the original consultation responses at Annex B.
3. Members consider the feasibility report and its associated annexes at a meeting held on 9 March 2010 and agreed to defer a decision on whether to proceed until the representative from Visit York had given a further presentation.
4. A representative from Visit York will be in attendance at the meeting to update Members on the objectives of the Gillygate Pilot Scheme (Appendix 1 refers). Unfortunately, the Gillygate Pilot Scheme is not yet underway and he will be unable to report any outcomes from this at today's meeting.

Consultation

5. Many people were consulted during the preparation of the feasibility report and their comments are set out at Annex B.

Options

6. In considering the information within this report, its associated annexes and that provided at today's meeting by the representative of Visit York Members may choose between the following options:

Option A Progress this topic to review

Option B Do not proceed with this review

Option C Defer the decision until the completion of the research currently being undertaken by Visit York.

Analysis

7. **Annex B** to this report outlines the comments made by the consultees in relation to this topic and Paragraphs 5 to 10 of the feasibility report contain analysis of the comments received. Members are advised to give both of these careful consideration and think about what positive outcomes could be achieved should they choose to progress this topic to review.
8. The comments in Annex B are mixed however one comment suggests that the perspective of any review should be around tourism which Visit York already have in hand. After receiving the information from Visit York at today's meeting Members should give careful consideration as to whether undertaking a scrutiny review could add any further value to the work already being undertaken by Visit York.
9. This topic was submitted some time ago and Members are urged to make a decision on whether they wish to progress this topic to review at this meeting. However, the outcome of the Gillygate Pilot Scheme is not known therefore, on the basis of the information available to date, it is suggested that Members do not progress this topic to review but ask for Visit York to return to present the outcomes of the Gillygate Pilot Scheme when they are known.

Corporate Strategy 2009/2012

10. The contents of this report, its associated annexes and any review that may be undertaken are linked to the 'Thriving City' theme of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012.

Implications

11. There are no financial, human resources, legal or other implications associated with the recommendations within this report. However, implications may arise should this topic be progressed to review and these would be addressed within appropriate reports.

Risk Management

12. There are no risks associated with the decision on whether to progress this topic to review. However, risks may occur should any review take place and these would be addressed accordingly.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to consider the information contained within the report and its associated annexes and the information provided by Visit York at today's meeting and are recommended to:

i. Not proceed with this review

ii. Request an update from Visit York on the outcome of the Gillygate Pilot Scheme once it is known

14. Reason: To address the issues outlined within the topic registration form.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Attached as annexes

Annexes

Appendix 1 Feasibility Report dated 9th March 2010

Annex A Topic Registration Form

Annex B Consultation Responses